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SUBJECT: REPORTING ON ILO EUROPEAN REGIONAL

CONFERENCE AND EAST/WEST TRADE UNION MEETING

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES MISSION REPORTING THUS FAR ON BOTH SUBJECT MEETINGS.

2. MISSION WILL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EARNEST LEE HAS EXPRESSED TO DEPARTMENT INTEREST IN ANY INFORMATION WE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ON DEVELOPMENTS AT THE ABOVE-CITED MEETINGS. HE NOTED THAT FACT OF AFL-CIO'S ABSENCE FROM SCENE DURING THESE MEETINGS, MOTIVATED ESSENTIALLY BY DESIRE TO AVOID ANY IDENTIFICATION WITH THE JANUARY 19 EAST-WEST TRADE UNION MEETING, DOES NOT IMPLY LACK OF CONFIDENTIAL

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INTEREST BUT ONLY ACCENTUATES NEED TO RELY ON USG FOR

TIMELY INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS THERE. AFL-CIO IS OF COURSE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE POSTURE OF THE WEST EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS ON POLITICAL ISSUES ARISING AT BOTH MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY EAST-WEST ASPECTS.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE AS COMPREHENSIVE FURTHER REPORTING AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT OF DEVELOPMENTS AT BOTH MEETINGS, BOTH FOR ITS OWN PURPOSES AND TO SHARE, AS

APPROPRIATE, WITH AFL-CIO. LEE ASKED SPECIFICALLY FOR ANY INFORMATION WE MIGHT HAVE ON THE PARTICIPATION AND ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS AT THE JANUARY 19 EAST-WEST TRADE UNION MEETING.

4. ALSO PLEASE SEND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE COMPLETE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AT JANUARY 19 EAST-WEST TRADE UNION MEETING, ATTENTION EUR LABOR ADVISOR.

5. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT INFO POSTS WILL DISCUSS CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS WITH RETURNING DELEGATIONS AND REPORT THEIR IMPRESSIONS. RUSH

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